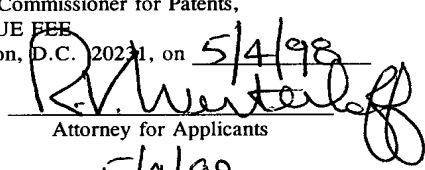


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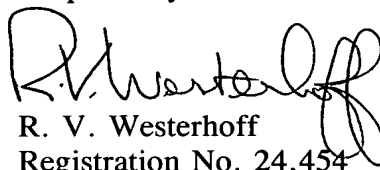
The Notice of Allowance in the subject patent application was mailed on February 12, 1998. Subsequent to that time, applicants received a search report in a corresponding foreign application mailed after February 12, 1998, citing certain patent documents which were not of record in the pending application.

Upon review of these documents, applicants believe that it was necessary to amend Claim 1 as allowed in order to patentably distinguish it.

According, Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the subject application from issue, and to have the enclosed Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement considered in connection with the attached Amendment Under Rule 312.

Authorization to charge our deposit account 02-2556 for fees required for this combined petition is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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